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In re Application of:)
Neal KUO)
Serial No.: 09/900,165) Group Art Unit: 2825
Filed: July 9, 2001) Examiner: Not yet assigned
For:)
METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR)
DETERMINING THE BEST)
INTEGRAL PROCESS PATH TO)
PROCESS SEMICONDUCTOR)
PRODUCTS TO IMPROVE YIELD)

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicant respectfully requests that prior to examination of this application, kindly amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Subject to the approval of the Examiner, please add Figure 5, as proposed in the accompanying Request for Approval of Drawing Change.

REMARKS

Entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

By the present amendment, Applicant has added Figure 5 for the purpose of illustrating the flow chart of a method according to the present invention, as set forth, for

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example, in the specification on pages 11-12. No new matter has been added in this amendment.

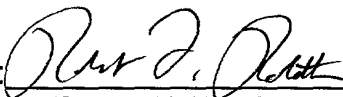
The application as originally filed fully supports the addition of Figure 5 to the drawings.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fee to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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